

The **special collection** held over the last two weeks for Bishop Stephen's special appeal for the drought in Mara, has raised the astounding sum of £1065—on behalf of our brothers and sister in Mara, thank you.

The Eucharist at Sandholme Fold will now take place at 11.15am on Tuesday 18th April, **not** on Thursday 20th April as originally planned. *Suzanne Kettle*

A reminder that there will be **no celebrations of the eucharist** this week, with a return to the normal pattern the week after next.

Next Sunday is the deadline for material for the next edition of the **magazine**—material to Pat or Arthur please.

At our recent **APCM** David Broadbent and Kathryn Fraser were elected as Churchwardens, and Christine Stephenson, Katie Savage, Philip Stephenson, Trish Greenwood, Keith Dobson, Richard Greenwood, Susan Smith and Lorna Painten were elected as members of the PCC. We offer our congratulations to them, and our grateful thanks to all those who stood down from office this year.

The first meeting of the **new PCC** will be on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Nyamatara Room, after a celebration of the Eucharist at 7pm. Agenda's will be circulated nearer the time.

In Your Prayers: Please remember in your prayers the souls of Kathleen Armitage, Lorna Howard and Geoffrey Haworth, who have died in recent days. Remember too those who live in West Avenue and Westfield, and Emily Bancroft, to be baptised next Sunday.

The cycle of **streets that we pray** for is about to come to an end, so if you are aware of any streets in the parish that we don't pray for, please mention them to Arthur Talbot so that he can create a new list.

If you're not able to be present on a Sunday, and have access to the internet, **this bulletin can now be downloaded each week** from the church website, which is at www.lightcliffe.org.uk

The latest edition of **Christ Church News**, from our neighbours at Hipperholme is available in the foyer.

Advance notice: the USPG Lent Box opening will take place on Saturday 29th April between 10am and 12 noon in the Nyamatara Room, and everyone who took a Lent box is invited to return it then. It will take place within the context of a coffee morning, with a cake stall and raffle, and a chance to chat amongst friends.

The Parish Church of St Matthew, Lightcliffe

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Sunday 16th April
Easter Day

Alleluia, Christ is risen He is risen indeed, Alleluia

From wherever you have come, be it just round the corner or further afield, whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, **welcome to St Matthew's**. We're glad to welcome you to worship here, and pray that you will find something that helps you.

Our worship today

6am The Vigil Mass of Easter
10am Parish Eucharist: follows a specially produced order of service
6.30pm Solemn Evensong
Hymns: 77, Psalm 148, 78, 82

Groups for **children**, and **young people** meet in the Nyamatara and St Aidan's rooms, and in the office during the 10am service: please feel welcome to join them.



Planned Giving: if you would like to know more about supporting St Matthew's financially, Peter Kirby [01274 698939] would be very happy to tell you more.

Very many thanks to everyone who has read or sung, preached, prayed or decorated with flowers, worked with our children, fried bacon, or gone the extra mile on the hills of Heptonstall to help make our Holy Week and Easter so moving and meaningful.

This week at St Matthew's

Tuesday	11.15am	The Eucharist at Sandholme Fold
Wednesday	10.15am	The Eucharist at Manor House
Sunday	The Second Sunday of Easter	
	8am	The Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist
	12 noon	Holy Baptism
	6.30pm	Evensong

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Easter Day - Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

FIRST READING Isaiah 25.6-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 16.1-8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion

Lord of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen